GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DELAY IN DELIVERY OF AIRCRAFT CARRIER GORSHKOV
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a big delay in the delivery schedule of the aircraft carrier Gorshkov as reported in the 'Times of India' dated May 02, 2007;

(b) if so, the original schedule of the aircraft carrier delivery;

(c) whether this delay in re-conditioning and delivery of the Gorshkov will involve cost over-run of over $113 million; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (d):No, Sir. The aircraft carrier is scheduled to be delivered by end 2008. The Russian side has assured at the highest level that the ship will be delivered as per contract. The aircraft carrier is undergoing necessary repairs/modifications in Russia at present.

The project is being closely monitored by the Empowered Apex Committee headed by the Defence Secretary and the Steering Committee headed by the Controller of Warship Production and Acquisition.